

## DE LACY VISITS THE PROSECUTOR.

Father of Mrs. Ratcliffe Talks of the Verdict with Mr. Lloyd.

THIS CAUSES SURPRISE.

Prosecuting Counsel Satisfied with the Compromise Verdict.

There was an interesting development in the Ratcliffe case yesterday. Peter De Lacy, father of Mrs. Ratcliffe, paid a visit to Prosecuting Attorney Lloyd, who so strongly pushed the case against Ratcliffe. The curiosity aroused by this visit was due to the general belief that De Lacy had from the start been the influence that pressed for the punishment of the actor.

"There was nothing of any importance or interest in the fact that Mr. De Lacy saw me," said Mr. Lloyd. "He merely spoke of the fact that the verdict had been rendered, and that he was satisfied with it."

Mr. Lloyd was asked if he were satisfied with the verdict, and he replied: "Yes, I think that the ends of justice will be fully realized by the compromise verdict that the jury reached."

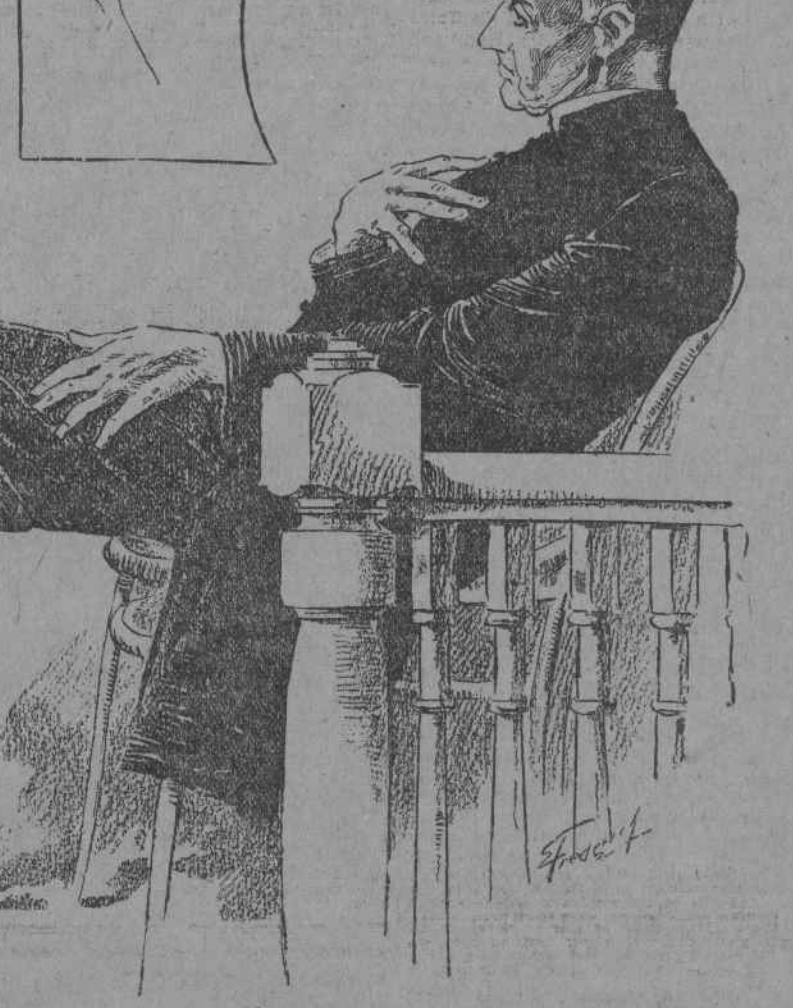
Mrs. Ratcliffe could not be seen yesterday. It was stated that she was out of the city. Mr. De Lacy, when asked regarding the case, said:

"It was my desire to see Ratcliffe punished if he had actually assaulted his wife, but I wanted him acquitted if he was innocent. I think the verdict is a complete justification of my daughter and of the charges she has made."

Attorney Towns, for the defense, said that he was, of course, disappointed by the verdict, for he had expected an acquittal. He is busy at work on his bill of excep-

## FATHER POWER DENIES THAT HE GOT THE MONEY.

He Says Mrs. Johnson Gave \$3,000 to All Saints' Church, and Her Brother Gave One of the Altars—A Witness Testifies That the Woman Was Possessed of Good Business Ability.



Father Power and Some of the Contestants in the Johnson Will Case.

tions, which will contain a great many points. He will except to the line of evidence by which the prosecution were allowed to go over the entire period of the married life of the couple, instead of being held to evidence regarding the single offense charged in the indictment.

On Tuesday morning Ratcliffe will come up for sentence, and then a motion for a new trial will be made, and the bill of exceptions presented, unless the sentence should be unexpectedly light.

Part of the verdict was a recommendation to mercy, and many believe that, in view of the fact that Ratcliffe has already spent considerable time in prison, the sentence will be a fine only.

Ratcliffe has not yet lost any of his wonderful nerve. In the Tombs yesterday he was self-possessed and calm, and cordially greeted the friends who visited him.

He made no secret of the fact that he was keenly disappointed.

"On the evidence that was presented I do not see how the jury could decide as they did. It was unfortunate, too, that, after standing eight to four for over nine hours, the four surrendered within ten minutes after a threat that the jury would be locked up for the night."

Ratcliffe expressed himself with much feeling regarding the friends who had patiently waited in the court room till long after midnight. In hopes of triumphantly taking him away with them, and of those who had visited him in the Tombs.

He spent the greater part of yesterday in reading the newspapers and books from the prison library.

## TRUST FUND IMPAIRED.

Suit Against the Trustees of the Morgan School, Founded by the Late New York Millionaire.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 23.—Application has been brought to the Superior Court in Middlesex County for the removal of the Board of Trustees of the Morgan School, in Clinton. It is alleged that the trustees have improperly managed the trust estate left by the late Charles Morgan, who died in New York in 1878, leaving between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000, out of which he endowed the Morgan School in Clinton.

The defendants in the action are George E. Elliott, Andrew J. Hugd, Elisha K. Redfield, Charles A. Elliott, and James M. Wellman, all of Clinton, and Mary Elliott (wife of said Charles A. Elliott), who is the executrix of the will of John D. Morgan, well known of Clinton. It is alleged that the trust funds have been diverted, that the \$5,000 prize fund has been lost or impaired, that about \$100,000, which was invested in New York and Brooklyn, has been improperly invested, and that a loss has been sustained.

## RUSH OF GOLD-SEEKERS.

Steamers Leaving Australasian Ports Will Be Crowded with Prospectors for the Klondike.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The Klondike is to be invaded by Australasian gold seekers. The rush from the Antipodes will be extraordinary, and in anticipation of the heavy travel, steamers and sailing vessels are being chartered and extra berth room is being made in all of them. Speculators are already active and are trying to buy tickets at a premium.

The Oceanic Steamship Company will hardly be able to accommodate the gold seekers who have announced their intention of leaving Australia for Alaska. All the available space on the Mariposa, due here in February, and the Moana, due here in March, has been engaged. In the case of the Moana, the bulk of the passengers will come from New Zealand. No passengers from Honolulu will be carried on this steamer, and tourists will have to depend on the regular boats.

## TOO MUCH WHEAT FOR JOE LEITER.

He May Have to Carry Over Ten Million Bushels Until May.

ARMOUR HAS PLENTY OF IT

And He Is Unloading It Day by Day on the Novice in Speculation.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—In spite of the "quick assets" of the Leiters, the bear opinion tonight is that father and son are being badly gorged with wheat, and their ability to dispose of their big holdings is doubted. L. Z. Leiter's estate is about the cleanest and most easily realized on of any in the city. If he is willing to back Joe and he admits he is there is no question but they can carry the wheat accumulated till May. Success would then depend on the supply of the cereal in the country.

The fact that the January option is selling several cents below December is looked upon as showing the strength of the bear. There is but little opportunity for Leiter to take advantage of the foreign and Eastern markets, for the reason that navigation is closed and the car rate is higher, and the supply of cars light, as the increased traffic on all lines has made something of a scarcity in freight room.

It is expected the country will ship wheat in as fast as possible during the next week, and possibly, when the round-up is over, Leiter will find himself with a load of 10,000,000 bushels of wheat which he will have to carry over till May to unload, and even then at a loss.

That he has had to accept more wheat than he ever dreamed of is generally admitted. C. M. Hoag and all farm produce but wheat at low prices, while wheat is at a heavy figure than farmers have dared to anticipate for years past, so it is but natural they should sell their wheat as fast as possible.

It is claimed on "Change that Armour has on hand more wheat than he is short, and that much of the wheat which he delivered was bought at materially lower prices than those current now.

It may be that while Armour may turn out a loser in the deal, Leiter may not be a winner; that the play now going on may be transferred to May, and that the final battle will be decided then.

"Did Mrs. Johnson pay for any of them?" "Mr. Lovejoy, Mrs. Johnson's brother, paid for one of them."

Daniel Whitford, the lawyer who drew up the codicil to the much disputed will, testified to the effect that Mrs. Johnson had given explicit orders that the name of Peter Condon should be dropped from the will as executor, and that Daniel Quinlan's name should be substituted. He read the will over in the presence of Mr. Quinlan and Father Power. This was in the morning of the day on which Mrs. Johnson died.

Dennis Sullivan, a painter and decorator, testified that he frequently did work for Mrs. Johnson, and found her a very capable business woman.

"She was a very sharp woman to deal with," were his words.

"You received a check from Mrs. Johnson at her house last January in payment of your bill for work done for her?" asked Attorney McCune.

"Yes," replied the witness.

"Was Father Power present when you got this check?"

"Did he make out the check?"

"I don't know. He went out of the room and a few minutes later I received the check."

The check was produced, and it was shown to be in the handwriting of the priest, a fact which he readily admitted. Surrogate Arnold gave counsel until January 3 to look over the evidence and submit motions relating to striking out certain parts of the testimony.

**Diamond Smugglers Examined.**

The examination of Emanuel J. and Max J. Lazar, the diamond dealers, of No. 24 Maiden lane, and Mrs. Emanuel J. Lazar, wife of one of the prisoners, who are accused of smuggling diamonds worth \$200,000 into this country, came on yesterday before United States Commissioner Rhoads.

William H. Theobald, a special Treasury agent, told of the arrest of the prisoners and of the visit of Mrs. Lazar to Montreal, Canada, where she registered at Windsor Hotel at Mrs. F. D. Smith's Brooklyn. The examination was adjourned until January 8, as all the witnesses were not present.

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## WOULD EXHIBIT LUETGERT'S VAT.

Receiver Bradley Trying to Carry Out a Deal with a Museum.

BOTH SIDES OPPOSE PLAN.

Testimony for the State Given in the Sausage Maker's Trial.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Prosecution and defense in the Luetgert trial have combined to protect the celebrated middle vat from being placed on exhibition in a museum. Opposed to the united forces is Ralph Bradley, receiver for the creditors of Adolph Luetgert. He desires to secure the \$100 a week which has been promised for the use of the vat by a local museum manager.

Receiver Bradley claims he has the power to remove the vat, and to-day said he would not be prevented from taking it out of the factory by police or State's Attorney as important evidence.

Judge Gary said he had no authority over the disposition of objects that were not directly placed in evidence, and he refused to enter a restraining order. Judge Haney, who appointed the receiver, will be asked to-morrow to restrain Bradley.

Frank Blais, the watchman, left the stand to-day after a cross-examination of a day and a half. He was succeeded by Frank Oderofski, the smoke house man, but aside from a dispute over the correctness of the interpreter's translations there was nothing of interest in the day's testimony.

The report was current to-night that Attorney Harrison would desert Luetgert and defend Chris Merry, the recently captured murderer, but Harrison says he will stick to Luetgert till the end.

## LOVING CUP FOR DEAN CHASE.

Junior Class of the New York Law School Present It to Him.

The junior class of the New York Law School, which about six weeks ago was engaged in a furious fight over the election of officers, buried the hatchet long enough yesterday to make a very handsome gift to Dean George Chase.

The big lecture room at No. 120 Broadway was the scene of the presentation. The dean assured the class of his surprise and gratitude. The cup cost \$125.

Those looking for investments

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## FIFTEEN YEARS FOR ALBERT WARNER.

Kidnapper Pleads Guilty to the Crime of Detaining Johnny Conway.

COOLEST MAN IN COURT.

He Argued for a Short Term in Prison, but It Was All of No Avail.

Albany, Dec. 23.—Albert S. Warner, at a trial term of the Supreme Court held by Justice Alden Chester, this morning, pleaded guilty to an indictment found against him for assisting in the kidnapping of Johnny Conway.

He was sentenced by Judge Chester to Clinton Prison for a term of fifteen years at hard labor.

Blake and Hardy, his fellow conspirators, are serving terms of fourteen years and six months at the same place for the same crime.

District Attorney Badlingame had frequent consultations with the prisoner, and it was apparent that Warner, by the earliest way in which he argued, was attempting to make an arrangement whereby he would get a light sentence in return for a plea of guilty.

When he was finally called to the bar he struck a dignified attitude, half facing the Court and the District Attorney. The indictment against him was read and consisted of two counts, one charging him with conspiring with Blake and Hardy to kidnap young Conway and the other charging the commission of the crime and the detention of the child for a ransom. Being asked to plead, in a firm and genuine voice he said: "I plead guilty to the detention part of the second count."

"I have examined the statute myself," said Warner, "and I suppose that technically my plea of guilty is to that of kidnapping. But I only took part in the detention of the child, and I think there are some things in my favor."

"Warner," said the Court, "I will sentence you at \$3 a day."

"That is entirely satisfactory," said Warner coolly.

## RAILROADS GET TIME.

Two Years More in Which to Equip Their Freight Cars with Automatic Couplers.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The State Railroad Commission has decided to extend the time for the equipment by the railroads of the State of their freight cars with automatic couplers to December 31, 1900.

This gives the railroads two additional years in which to comply with the law.

## Won't Order Ejections at Christmas.

"I wish to announce that I will not order the dispossession of any tenant before Christmas." Judge John B. McKean emphatically declared himself in the Seventh Civil District Court yesterday. Several insistent landlords persisted, however, in having ejections ordered. Judge McKean, when they became too persistent, offered to pay the rent of the tenants for the few days over the Christmas holidays. The landlords finally agreed to allow the tenants to remain, it being understood that they voluntarily vacate on Monday next.



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Our Delivery Service has been under a great strain, but will be equal to the demands of to-day. Men and horses are entitled to the holiday rest, and shall have it. At your service to-day. Afterward rest for man and beast connected with our business until Monday next.

**Parlor Furniture** PRICE reduction. Over one hundred single pieces of Parlor Furniture—arm and reception chairs, tabourets, sofas. A medley of woods, coverings and finish. Gold, Vernis-Martin, plain and inlaid woods. They are all down, many of them very much down. Some were a half more, some were double. Odd pieces get lonely in our furniture store.

Some specimen prices follow:

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No. 6, \$110, was \$130. No. 10, \$80, was \$90. No. 9, \$60, was \$70. No. 13, \$40, was \$45. No. 20, \$22, was \$25. No. 22, \$12, was \$14. No. 21, \$6, was \$7.

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